

Good Afternoon,

I am a resident of the Hidden Valley Lake area. I support the Planning Commission's decision to reject the Major Use Permit UP 20-22 and the Planning Commission's decision to deny the Initial Study IS 20-25. I am in favor of the Board of Supervisor to uphold the commissioner's decision and deny WeGrow's application at 16750 Herrington Road.

I just want to reiterate a few points:

I am especially concerned with the close proximity of the proposed development to a large residential subdivision. There are many families with children that live in Hidden Valley.

The developer's plan for erosion control (BMP's described) to prevent erosion and protect nearby streams rely heavily on placing straw waddles which seem inadequate, especially since they do not talk about HOW the waddles will be used. Will they be anchored to the ground to prevent movement or piping around/underneath? This is unclear in the proposal.

I found it odd when reading the proposed plan that no Cultural resources were found or identified. From my experience working with archeologists, large flat benches usually reveal some kind of evidence of habitation or use.

Another grey area with their environmental analysis is accounting for climate change, especially in regards to water use. While the Water Availability Study concluded that this project will not affect nearby aquifer levels, Hurvitz Environmental Sciences readily discusses limitations of their study, including using an estimate for their precipitation, which the rest of their analysis is based upon. They state on page 8, "Though there are no climate stations on site or in the immediate vicinity, we estimate that the seasonal precipitation for the site is 38-inches/year." I do not see mention of any discussion into the future and regional trends of decreasing rainfall, which may actually affect permanent drawdown of nearby aquifers. This is especially an important point if we are looking into the long-term health of the surrounding area.

Thank you for your time and considering my letter!

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